

# OUR REMINDER

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Welcome Brothers and Sisters



## JOYFUL GENEROSITY

Thoughts disentangle themselves...over the lips and through the fingertips.

I learned that saying over thirty years ago, and just about every time I put it to the test, it works! Whenever I have difficulty comprehending the complicated or clarifying the complex, I talk it out or write it out. This is especially helpful when it comes to scriptural truth. For some strange reason the human brain seems reluctant to retain divine information simply by hearing it.

Take the importance of joy, for example- or, more specifically, giving joyful to God. II Corinthians 9:7 (NASB) says, "Let each one to do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudging or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Look again at those final five words: "God loves a cheerful giver." The original meaning of the word translated here as "cheerful" is hilarious, and this is the only time it is found in the New Testament. It's the hilarious giver God prizes.

I can think of a couple more example of hilarious givers in the New Testament: a man named Onesiphorus who "often refreshed" Paul (2 Timothy 1:16-18); and a church- the hilippians- who contributed generously to Paul's needs (Philippians 4:14-16).  
Now, how does all this translate into daily life? How do

### Schedule

10:00 AM Class  
11:00 AM Services  
6:00 PM Study  
Wed 7:00 PM Study

### This Week

Chuck Schultheisz  
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Michael Thurman  
Chuck Schultheisz

### Next Week

Chuck Schultheisz  
Chuck Schultheisz  
Allen Daniels  
Chuck Schultheisz

### Serving This Week

**Ann:** Michael Thurman    **Songs:** Jeff Tatro    **Reading:** Jonathan Hermsen

Prayer	AM	PM	Wednesday
<b>Opening:</b>	Gary Inman	Chuck Schultheisz	Gary Tatro
<b>Closing:</b>	Gary Tatro	Gary Tatro	Duane Linge

**Table:** Duane Linge, Carl Fortman, Rick Richards, Jim Dills  
**Prepare Communion:** Katy & Jeff  
**Clean Building This Coming Week:** Gary, Barb, & Carol

### Serving Next Week

**Ann:** Michael Thurman    **Songs:** Gary Inman    **Reading:**

Prayer	AM	PM	Wednesday
<b>Opening</b>	Manuel Farinas	Duane Linge	Jim Dills
<b>Closing</b>	Gary Tatro	Michael Thurman	Gary Tatro

**Table:** Allen Daniels, Jim Napier, Kevin Gaub, Kyle Besaw  
**Prepare Communion:** Katy & Jeff  
**Clean Building Next Week:** Daniels' Family

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Attendance Sunday	75
Offering	\$1071.00
Budgeted	\$891.00

Welcome to the Aberdeen Church of Christ. We are glad you are with us. We hope that you will stay after worship so we can meet you and invite you back again.

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these thoughts disentangle themselves to become meaning parts of our lives? I'd like to make the following four suggestions for ways we can bring joy into our giving:

### **REFLECT ON GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU**

Hasn't He been good? He certainly has to me. Better than I deserve! My list includes good health, harmonious family, sufficient food, clothing, and shelter. Friends. Great job. In light of God's magnificent grace, a cheerful heart and openhanded generosity seem the most natural responses.

### **REMINDE YOURSELF OF HIS PROMISES REGARDING GENEROSITY**

Call to mind a few biblical principles that promise a bountiful harvest to those who sow bountifully. Jesus Himself spoke of how much more blessed it is to give than to receive. Bumper crops are God's specialties, so we have nothing to restrain us from dropping maximum seed. He's honored by such faith.

### **EXAMINE YOUR HEARTS**

This is something no one else can do for you. Nobody knows the combination to your private vault. Only you can probe its contents by asking the hard questions: Do I really believe God's promise on giving generously? Am I responding as I do because I care or because I feel guilty? Is my giving proportionate to my income? Have I prayed, or is my giving impulsive? Am I a consistent giver or more hot 'n' cold?

### **GLORIFY GOD BY BECOMING GENEROUS.**

He prizes generosity, especially joyful generosity. Perhaps we need to break the habit of being so conservative, so careful. Maybe we even need to "scare" ourselves with acts of generosity...going out on a limb, as it were, and genuinely trusting God to honor our financial faith.

Well, that's it. Just a little lips-and-fingertips clarification. It has helped me to review this. I hope it's helped you, too. Goodness knows, all of us would be wise to address our

### **COMMUNION**

The communion service consists of emblems which symbolize, to Christians, the sacrifice of Christ. It binds us together with each other, and with Christ. Jesus presides at the table, and invites His people to "take, eat, and drink in remembrance of me"

### **CONTRIBUTION**

The Jews were directed to give 10% of their earnings. Christians are directed to make a voluntary donation to God's church. This money goes to pay for operations, local outreach and mission work.

### **INVITATION**

At the conclusion of the lesson we offer a time for you to consider the invitation of Jesus as is found in Matt. 11: "Come to Me..." This is a time to commit your life to Christ by confessing your faith in Him and being baptized. Those who have previously been immersed into Christ (Rom. 6) and desire to place membership with this congregation are invited to do so at this time. It is also a time to request assistance with your spirituality. If you would make your way to the front of the auditorium at this time, you will be greeted to discuss your decision.

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<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Ministry Leaders</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Chuck Schultheisz	533-1883	Benevolence Allen Daniels	533-0138
<u>Office Hours</u> 9A.M. to 1P.M.		Buildings Jim Dills	249-4522
<u>Elders</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	Communications Michael Thurman	532-0913
Roger Brumfield	249-3032	Education Chuck Schultheisz	532-2183
Gary Inman	268-9761	Finance Jeff Tatro	533-3690
Duane Linge	268-1922	Grounds	
Gary Tatro	533-1667	Missions/Outreach Chuck Schultheisz	532-2183
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Jim Dills	249-4522	Youth Jim Napier	249-5447

These elders have been chosen to lead our congregation. If you have something in your life you need resolved or have a concern about the congregation or anything spiritual contact one of these men.

# Prayers

## Rick & Theda's Granddaughter Rebecca

**Craig Dills** - Craig is at the Kitsap Recovery Center, 1975 NE Fuson Rd. Bremerton WA 98312. He will be there til 1/10/96. This is a tough time for Craig so cards and letters of incourgement and love are needed.

## Roger Brumfield

**June Wilson** - June will have her operation in Jan. 8th She would like prayers to help relieve her fears.

## Helen Keen

**Monica Talps & Mike, Niece of Donny Brown.**

## Bennie Flowers

## Mel & Ruth Colgrove

**Annette Perryman**-Annette suffers from MS.

## Allen & Patty Daniels

**Denise Napier, Terri Besaw, Katy Tatro, Tammy Granberg, and Melanie Tatro** are all expecting new babies.

James 5:15-16

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

reluctance to sacrifice financially for the cause of Christ. After all, our goal is joyful generosity, isn't it?

--Charles R. Swindoll  
he Finishing Touch  
Dallas: Word Publishing 1994

*On the day that my daughter was born I was too naive to realize that I was embarking on the most important assignment of my life, and that if I failed as a father, all my other achievements would be somehow be diminished.*

Richard Exley

***Never Miss the chance to read  
your child a story .***

Max Lucado

**When was the last time  
that your children saw you  
on your knees with an  
open Bible seeking  
direction from God? That  
is an unmistakable lesson  
to a child.**

Charles Stanley

# Things To Remember

Secret sister revealing will be today. All women wishing to participate in this coming year's secret sisters need to have their forms in by the today. This will be a Salad Luncheon and the Ladies Lectureship will be discussed



## Baby Shower

For Tammi & Allen Granberg 26 Jan.7PM at the church building. See Denise, Debbie B. Dori, or Deana.(women only)

Ladies study meeting will be at Dori's 10:00 AM Tues. bring a shoebox with you.

## Birthdays

Jarrad Daniels = 15<sup>th</sup>

Jimm Dills = 15<sup>th</sup>

Gary Tatro = 15<sup>th</sup>

How would you finish this sentence? " One thing my dad always said was..." How will your children finish this sentence?

Paul Lewis

Level with your child by being honest. Nobody spots a phony quicker than a child.

James Dobson

**When it comes to transferring our values to our children, much more is caught than taught. The process requires a father's time, a commodity that seems to be in dangerously short supply these days.**

Tony Evans

## Anniversaries

Dori & Brian Cooper = 14<sup>th</sup>

Gary & Barb Tatro = 19<sup>th</sup>

Jimm & Sandra Seaman = 19<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie & Manuel Farinas = 19<sup>th</sup>